



QUEENS ACADEMIC GROUP

Dear Agent,

Queens Academic Group is happy to give you some exciting news announced by the Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Minister, Steven Joyce and Immigration Minister, Michael Woodhouse.

Changes to student visa requirements will make it easier for international students to work while studying, raise the quality standards required from education providers enrolling international students, and enable streamlined and prioritised visa processing in partnership with education providers.

The changes will take effect from January 2014. The work rights changes will allow more English language students studying at high-quality providers to work part-time.

New work rights eligibility requirements for English language students will:

- reduce the minimum course length from six months to 14 weeks;
- remove the language proficiency requirement; and
- Limit eligibility to students who are enrolled with a university or with a non-university Tertiary provider that is rated: Category 1 following its most recent External Evaluation and Review (EER) assessment by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

Queens Academic Groups is a category 1 provider!

The changes also provide full-time work rights during all scheduled holidays to international students who take a course of one academic year or more, and give unlimited work rights to international PhD and Masters by research students.

Immigration New Zealand will also be trialling an industry partnership initiative with education providers. Providers that are part of the initiative will be able to offer streamlined and prioritised visa processing, and in return will be accountable for the immigration outcomes of their international students.

We are looking forward to welcome your students to New Zealand!

Best Regards;

Queens Academic Group

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